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Brig. Gen Susan Lawrence, NETCOM/9th SC (A) Commanding General, presents Kat Crockett one of several items for being chosen as the command's 2007 Civilian of the Year.

NETCOM chooses Civilian of Year

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FORT HUACHUCA, Ariz. (NETCOM/9th SC(A)) – A relative newcomer to the Network Enterprise Technology Command/9th Signal Command (Army) was recognized April 15, as one of the best in the command. Kat Crockett, a human resources specialist in the Assistant Chief of Staff, G-1, was selected as the 2007 Civilian of the Year during a ceremony at Greely Hall.

Kat has been with NETCOM/9th SC (A) for about two years, but has nearly 25 years of Federal Service under her belt. She was recognized as the August 2007 Civilian of the Month for expertly advising, and executing personnel programs to assist in restructuring the command, to include Voluntary Early Retirement Authority/Voluntary Separation Incentive Pay, and relocation, recruitment, and retention incentives. She created and conducted training and in-progress reviews, leading numerous working groups, ensuring the successful transformation of over 400 employees to NSPS.

Crockett's contributions to the organization led a panel to choose her over 11 other Civilian employees to receive the honor.

Crockett couldn't hide the shock when she heard her name called.

"I was stunned and then delighted," Crockett said. "I just sat there for a few seconds to try and absorb it all in. This was a very significant event in my life."

After being called up to the front of the auditorium, Crockett received several awards and certificates. Once the presentations were complete, she was put on the spot as Brig. Gen. Susan Lawrence, NETCOM/9th SC (A) Commanding General, gave Crockett the floor. Her brief remarks were filled with gratitude for the team of people she worked with and depended on.

"Winning an award like this is never about any one person; it's about the team and everyone on the team working together to get the job done," Crockett said. "I am grateful for my team of professionals, Wes (Williams), Jeannie (English), Janice (Nelson) and Tom (Roubal) who I depend on everyday to take care of over 3,500 civilians world-wide in a fast-paced, transformation environment.

"Alice Bower, my supervisor, had the single-most influence on me and my performance. As my mentor, Alice holds the bar high, she does the right thing; and as a strategic thinker, she challenges me to do the same."

Crockett also attributes much of her success to her parents, especially her father who passed away more than a decade ago.

"When Dad was in Viet Nam and I was only 10, he used to send me letters and emphasize the importance of setting goals and accomplishing them," Crockett said. "Many years later, when we were both working and commuting together in D.C., he used to play cassette tapes on motivation and management. I guess some of that sunk in. I owe so much to both my parents."